

CITY OF SOUTH FULTON, GEORGIA
South Fulton Service Center Auditorium, 5600 Stonewall Tell Road
Tuesday, July 25, 2017, 5:00PM



The Honorable William “Bill” Edwards, Mayor (present)
The Honorable Catherine F. Rowell, District 1, Mayor Pro Tem (present)
The Honorable Carmalitha Gumbs, District 2 Councilmember (absent)
The Honorable Helen Z. Willis, District 3 Councilmember (present)
The Honorable Naeema Gilyard, District 4 Councilmember (present)
The Honorable Rosie Jackson, District 5 Councilmember (absent)
The Honorable khalid kamau, District 6 Councilmember (present)
The Honorable Mark Baker, District 7 Councilmember (present)

WORK SESSION MINUTES

The Work Session was called to order by Mayor Edwards at 5:00pm. Following the roll call, it was announced that a quorum was present.

- 1. ~~Review of the July 25, 2017 Regular Meeting Agenda~~**

The Mayor stated that the Work Sessions were designed to handle procedural matters. Then he asked the Interim City Manager if there were any procedural issues to discuss with respect to the agenda.

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The Interim City Manager reminded Mayor and Council that when Ordinances are for first and second reading, it is not advisable to have Council move those items to the Consent Agenda.

Hearing no other business, the Mayor entertained a motion to adjourn the Work Session.

A motion was made by Councilmember Willis and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rowell to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

The Work Session adjourned at 5:03pm.



DIVIDER SHEET



The Honorable William “Bill” Edwards, Mayor (present)
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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Edwards at 7:00pm.
Following the roll call, all members were present.

2. Invocation

The invocation was rendered by Pastor Warren L. Henry, Sr.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

Following the pledge, Mayor Edwards requested a point of personal privilege to encourage citizens to attend the Fulton County Board of Commissioners on August 2, 2017, due to the Tax

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Commissioner Dr. Arthur Ferdinand being denied the opportunity to collect the City of South Fulton's taxes.

4. Approval of the Consent Agenda
 - a. Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, July 11, 2017
 - b. Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, July 18, 2017

A motion was made by Councilmember Jackson and seconded by Councilmember Willis to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

5. Approval of the Regular Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Councilmember Willis and seconded by Councilmember Gilyard to approve the Regular Meeting Agenda. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

6. Proclamations and Recognitions
 - a. Proclamation recognizing Cliftondale Community 65th Anniversary Appreciation Day **(Willis/Gumbs) [PRESENTED]**
 - b. Proclamation recognizing Camp Village and Jo Roberson Edwards Appreciation Day **(Edwards) [PRESENTED]**
 - c. Proclamation recognizing April 5th as Nikki Bolden Appreciation Day in the City of South Fulton, Georgia **(Baker/Jackson/khalid) [PRESENTED]**

7. Public Comment
 - a. Speakers will be granted up to two minutes each and public comment will not exceed 30 minutes. Speakers will not be allowed to yield or donate their time to other speakers.

The following citizens offered public comment:

- **Mr. Michael Simpson, ATL Magazine's ad for the City of South Fulton**
- **Mr. John Ross, Nikki Bolden proclamation and the establishment of a Federal Credit Union**

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- **Mr. Jaceey Sebastain**, issue with respect to an explosion of crime in the Cedar Grove area and no police precinct in the area
- **Ms. Vangie Watkins**, the Code Enforcement tell-line needs to be replicated, staying in lanes with respect to administrative, judicial and legislative, and the need for citywide citizen involvement and education workshops
- **Mr. Mike Taylor**, from the Cedar Grove Community, the Branding Committee's work missed the mark on naming the City, suggests establishing a survey for the name, with criteria and reasoning
- **Ms. Teiola Porch**, Code Enforcement issues/complaints, uncut grass/yard, left unreturned calls to Captain Brian Cassell, and hopes that with transitioning to the new City Code Enforcement will be improved
- **Dr. LaTonya Martin**, invited everyone to Parent University at the East Point library, last Thursday of each month from August to February, except October and December
- **Ms. Helen Butler**, GA Coalition for the People's Agenda, civic engagement to participate in the electoral process, supports making Election Day a holiday, and encouraging businesses to follow suit
- **Mr. Rodney Littles**, State Democratic Party, supports Resolution making Election Day apart of the City's Holiday calendar, establishing a City Board of Registration and Elections, and new voting equipment that creates a paper trail for electronic voting and record keeping
- **Mr. El-Mahdi Haile**, suggested having a Committee for studying the possibility of having Election Day as a holiday for voting and information
- **Mr. Marcus Coleman**, issue with Fulton County Board of Commissioners and their relationship with the City, and the selection of the City's Police Chief

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- **Mr. Joe Beasley**, the right to vote, being proud of the new City, establishment of an affirmative action program for businesses, and having Election Day a holiday
- **Mr. A.W. Davis**, government can't do it all, and using the Consumer Price Index to determine any increases in property assessments
- **Mr. Mike Johnson**, not pleased with equipment that is down, need a light on Roosevelt Highway, and issue with a train blocking the roads on Mallory Road and Feldwood Road

8. Business

a. Resolution

- i. Resolution to Amend the City's Holiday Schedule to Recognize Election Day as an Annual Official City Holiday **(Res2017-034)**; and,

A motion was made by Councilmember khalid to approve Option A (adding an additional day to the Holiday Schedule) of Res2017-034. The motion failed for a lack of a second.

A motion was made by Councilmember khalid and seconded by Councilmember Baker to approve Option B (swapping Columbus Day with Election Day) of Res2017-034. Councilmembers Gilyard, Jackson, khalid and Baker voted yea. Mayor Pro Tem Rowell, and Councilmembers Gumbs and Willis voted no. The motion passed, 4-3-0.

- ii. Resolution Providing Notice of the City of South Fulton's Provision of Police Services **(Res2017-035)**.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Rowell and seconded by Councilmember Baker to approve Res2017-035. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

b. Ordinances

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- i. **[THIRD READING]** Adoption of Ordinance establishing the Planning Commission for the City of South Fulton (**Ord2017-010, June 27, 2017 and July 11, 2017**); and,

A motion was made by Councilmember Gilyard and seconded by Councilmember Gumbs to approve Ord2017-010, including revising subsections (a) and (b) of Section 5-5001 and revising Section 5-5003 as presented by Councilmember Gilyard. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

- ii. **[SECOND READING]** Adoption of Ordinance amending Section 3-0001(e) of the City of South Fulton Code of Ordinances by revising the Building Code to include new requirements for classifying construction based on building height (**Ord2017-014, July 11, 2017**).

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Rowell and seconded by Councilmember Gilyard to approve Ord2017-014. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

c. Other Action Items

- i. Request approval of the following Board Appointments:
 - 1. Planning Commission
 - a. Mr. Isiah Turner, Jr. (**Rowell**)
 - b. Mr. Robert Dow (**Gumbs**)
 - c. Mr. Alvin Reynolds (**Baker**)
 - 2. Zoning Board of Appeals
 - a. Mr. Nicholas D. Wilson (**Rowell**)
 - b. Ms. Geneasa Lynette Elias (**Gumbs**)
 - c. Ms. Brenda Jenkins (**Baker**)
 - 3. Board of Code Enforcement
 - a. Mr. Reginald Tatum (**Rowell**)
 - b. Mr. Sam Bowen (**Gumbs**)

c. Mr. Haywood Sherrod (**Baker**)

A motion was made by Councilmember Willis and seconded by Councilmember Gumbs to approve the slate of nominations as presented above. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

9. City Manager's Weekly Update

A motion was made by Councilmember Jackson to hold off on approving a Pay and Class plan, until a national search is conducted for a permanent City Manager and the Police Chief. The motion failed for a lack of a second.

A motion was made by Councilmember Gilyard and seconded by Councilmember Jackson to move forward with the Pay and Class schedule as presented, but hold/wait on making a decision on whether or not there will be a merit, at-will or a hybrid with regard to the classification system for employees. The motion maker and the seconder agreed to amend this motion, so that all employees will be at-will. Councilmembers Gilyard, Jackson and Baker voted yea. Mayor Pro Tem Rowell, and Councilmembers Gumbs, Willis and khalid voted no. Therefore, the motion failed, 3-4-0.

A motion was made by Councilmember Willis and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rowell to approve the Pay and Class and to accept HR's recommendation to bring over employees with a hybrid employment status. Mayor Pro Tem Rowell and Councilmembers Gumbs, Willis and khalid voted yea. Councilmembers Gilyard, Jackson and Baker voted no. Therefore, the motion passed, 4-3-0.

10. Executive Session (CLOSED), if necessary

A motion was made by Councilmember Willis and seconded by Councilmember Baker to recess for Executive Session regarding

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Litigation and Personnel. Hearing no objections, the motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Rowell and seconded by Councilmember khalid to add Old/Unfinished Business to future agendas. Hearing no objections, the motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

The meeting recessed at 9:59pm.

UPON RETURN:

Mayor Edwards announced that there was no action taken in the Executive Session.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Rowell and seconded by Councilmember Gilyard to close the Executive Session. Hearing no objections, the motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

The Executive Session ended at 10:34pm.

11. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Rowell and seconded by Councilmember Baker to adjourn the meeting. Hearing no objections, the motion passed unanimously.

The Regular Meeting ended at 10:35pm.

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